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## PROCEEDINGS 1 (Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia; July 17, 2019.) 2 COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: Good afternoon, everyone. 3 4 We're here for the telephone conference in the case of Curling, 5 et al., vs. Raffensperger, et al., Civil Action Number 17-CV-2989. 6 7 Beginning with the Curling plaintiffs, would you 8 please identify yourself for the record. 9 MR. CROSS: Hi. This is David Cross. And I have with me my colleague, Catherine Chapple, and our expert, 10 Dr. Alex Halderman. 11 12 MR. KNAPP: Halsey Knapp is also present on the line. 13 COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: Thank you. 14 Coalition? MR. BROWN: This is Bruce Brown for the Coalition 15 plaintiffs. I initially had Marilyn Marks with me. But given 16 that this may cover confidential information, she will be 17 18 getting off the line now. 19 COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: Thank you very much. 20 State of Georgia? 21 MR. TYSON: Good afternoon. Bryan Tyson -- I'm 22 sorry. Bryan Tyson and Bryan Jacoutot from Taylor English here 23 for the state defendants. 24 MR. RUSSO: Yeah. Vincent Russo and Carey Miller and 25 Josh Belinfante and Brian Lake and Kimberly Anderson for the

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     state defendants.
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               THE COURT: All right.
               MR. MILLER: And this is Carey Miller. I believe we
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    also have on the line Theresa Payton and Melissa O'Leary from
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     Fortalice; is that correct?
               MS. PAYTON: Yes, sir. That is correct.
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     Theresa.
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               THE COURT: Just one second.
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                     (There was a brief pause in the proceedings.)
               COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: Fulton County?
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               THE COURT: Mr. Martin, do you have everyone's names
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               COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: Everyone but Fulton County
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               MR. LOWMAN: David Lowman for Fulton County here.
               COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: Thank you.
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               I've got them all, Judge.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Thank you very much, everybody,
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     for working in this time frame. I would like to understand
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     sort of on a foundation level because I sort of have just
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plaintiffs make the argument that is understandable that they 1 2 had an enormous amount of data to look at and to sort through and, you know, perhaps -- perhaps they could have gotten more 3 4 directly to some of these issues if I had said go ahead to the 5 server and permitted them to do that. But there was strong 6 concerns about this. And so this was sort of a compromise 7 measure. But it involves an enormous amount of data analysis and coordination in that context. And still I limited who 8 9 could look at the data. Here, what the plaintiffs argue is that this is a 10 very small amount of data on the card. So they shouldn't --11 that the need for -- what is the need, in fact, for having, 12 13 first of all, it reviewed at any place other than Michigan and 14 then what is the need -- since it is such a small amount of 15 data? And what is the need, secondarily, for having it 16 reviewed at two different sites under these circumstances? 17 MR. TYSON: Thank you, Your Honor. This is Bryan 18 I'll just initially talk about the sites. Our thought there was to offer two alternatives to the Court. We would 19 20 prefer a location in Atlanta. But if the Court had concerns 21 about the law firm, we wanted to also offer our cybersecurity 22 location. So I think we don't mind having one or the other. 23 THE COURT: I see. MR. TYSON: To the issue of the review itself, we 24

want to -- our experts want to conduct a review of the memory

card that includes testing it with Georgia electronic voting machines and the version of the software that we use, in addition to looking at it with other tools and pieces that really wouldn't be easy to do carrying it -- carrying the DRE to Michigan, carrying other things to Michigan to analyze that there.

Our original document request was to all documents relied on by Dr. Halderman for his deposition or his declaration. I'm sorry. And the response about the memory card that we specifically requested was that it was just too confidential and there wasn't a confidence that we would be able to safeguard the information.

It seems much simpler to us to bring a very small memory card to Georgia and allow us to look at it here and have our experts conduct an analysis here rather than having to go to Michigan to do that and having to bring multiple experts there, bring equipment, all the things we would need to bring to the location in Michigan.

We had previously talked with the plaintiffs about reviewing the DRE that Dr. Halderman used in Michigan. And we understand that is a little bit more difficult to transport. But the memory card itself, the only objection the plaintiffs have given is they didn't think we could safeguard the information on it. And we believe that we could conduct a less burdensome review here or at a Fortalice location as opposed to

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having to go to Dr. Halderman's lab to do it. 2 THE COURT: But you see this is time-consuming. quess that is part of what their explanation is, that they 3 4 had -- what the data analysis required for purposes of what 5 they were looking at it was going to take days and days. 6 doesn't seem to me that the testing you're talking about is but 7 a day potentially. And, you know, that easily could be 8 accommodated given the significance of the concerns as to how 9 this might impact other systems, not just your system -- not just Georgia's system -- could be accomplished in Michigan. 10 11 And so I guess that is what I'm trying to determine in terms of

Obviously everyone -- I understand everyone always wants to have it close to home. But I did understand that the volume of the data in their circumstances and the fact that I wasn't allowing them lay people made it all the more necessary. And that is what I'm not clear about in terms of the burden. Why is it a burden given the fact that you're dealing with such a smaller kind of inquiry?

MR. TYSON: Yes, Your Honor. The information in Dr. Halderman's declaration about the total size of the malware was at least -- and I apologize. I had not seen that information before I got Mr. Cross' email with that declaration just a few minutes ago about the total size.

I think the concerns in terms of the length of review

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     necessary until we get in there in determining what -- if there
     are particular versions of the software it works on versus
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     others. And the -- I know Dr. Halderman, I believe, said it
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     took him almost a year to develop this particular piece of
     software. And so getting into it even if it is small in size,
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     we won't be able to assess the complexity until we are able to
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     get in and look at it. So it may be that it is a short review.
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     But I think at this point we simply don't know because we
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               And I still am -- I am still at a loss for what the
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     concerns about disclosure would be if it is kept under the
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     protocol that we proposed yesterday evening.
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               THE COURT: And what is the -- obviously you could
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     take the equipment to Michigan and you would have -- is the
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     equipment already -- the DRE database and software already at
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     Fortalice? I know that they have worked with you. Or are you
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     bringing it up there?
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               MR. TYSON: We would need to transport it, Your
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     Honor. We haven't located a DRE in those units at the
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     Fortalice location yet.
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               THE COURT: Dr. Halderman, do you have a separate
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     room that you're saying that they could work at and -- is that
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DR. HALDERMAN: Yes, Your Honor. I could establish a

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     same way that we have for the GEMS data analysis.
               MR. CROSS: Your Honor, this is David Cross.
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               THE COURT: Yes.
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               MR. CROSS: I wanted to respond to Mr. Tyson unless
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     you had further questions for Dr. Halderman.
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               THE COURT: No. You can go ahead.
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               MR. CROSS: I think what Mr. Tyson said a moment ago
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     really should resolve the issue, at least for now. He said
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    proposed and they agreed, have them go up, look at it there.
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    we think is not going to be the issue because it is a small
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    program to inspect and review, then they can come back to the
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     Court. But there is no prejudice. There is no wasted time or
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     effort because they are going anyways.
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               On the issue of the DRE --
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               THE COURT: When are they going? Because I missed
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It has not been scheduled. 1 MR. CROSS: We have been 2 waiting to hear from them on when they plan to do that. THE COURT: And who is going? 3 MR. CROSS: I don't have any details. Mr. Tyson can 4 5 speak to that. MR. TYSON: Your Honor, there were -- this is Bryan 6 7 There was a sequence of events kind of starting back 8 with the 26(f) conference where we discussed the production of 9 documents that were relied on by declarant in preparation for the preliminary injunction hearing. 10 And our initial understanding out of that was that 11 there was going to be a production of documents from the 12 13 plaintiff to us prior to a deposition of Dr. Halderman that we 14 planned to take in early July. We ultimately had to cancel 15 that deposition because those documents were not made available 16 to us until July the 9th. Then we had the issue with the 17 memory cards. 18 So I think the initial discussions about us going to 19 Michigan to take Dr. Halderman's deposition related to that 20 earlier date. And we are at this point not planning to take 21 Dr. Halderman's deposition prior to the preliminary injunction 22 hearing. We all obviously have a lot to do to get ready for 23 that. We don't think it is the best use of our time at the 24 moment. So we don't currently have plans to go to Michigan 25 prior to the hearing.

MR. CROSS: Your Honor, if I may, just a couple of quick points. The fact that they decided not to go to Michigan is up to them. If they don't want to do their inspection that they agreed to, as Mr. Tyson acknowledged weeks ago, that is up to them. That is not a reason to provide vote-stealing malware to them.

It is tempting to get in and correct the misstatements about the deposition. But I will save Your Honor from that. But what was represented is not accurate. But it doesn't bear on the issue today.

The other point I wanted to note is the equipment on the DRE, Your Honor may recall, Dr. Halderman brought a DRE with him to the courthouse. It is not that hard. The issue with the DRE inspection had never been about the transportation of it. There is no reason they can't bring one to Michigan just as he brought to Atlanta. It is the same security issue.

And so this has always been about security. We have made that clear from the start. And as we sit here today, we're not asking for anything unusual. I'm sure Your Honor has probably dealt with cases before -- intellectual property cases that involve software. It is routine that the software is made available on a stand-alone computer for the experts to come in and look at. And that is purely for commercial reasons. Purely commercial reasons are sufficient that software does not get presented as a copy.

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the most sensitive software that we can imagine. And they have
not offered any basis to just disregard that, that sensitivity,
and depart from regular practice with sensitive software.
          THE COURT: Well, let me just -- the analysis, it
sounds like, is completely being done by people with the
Fortalice firm; is that right? Because Dr. Shamos is not
around is my understanding.
          MR. TYSON: Yes, Your Honor. This is Bryan Tyson.
The plan had been for Ms. Payton and her crew at Fortalice to
conduct the additional analysis and for Dr. Shamos to go to
either our offices or Fortalice for a further analysis as well.
          THE COURT: But I thought Dr. Shamos is going away to
Europe with his grandchildren.
          MR. TYSON: Yes, Your Honor. We wanted to conduct --
the terms of the analysis prior to the hearing, I think that is
going to be a Fortalice event. And if we could get the memory
card in time, Dr. Shamos is not leaving until the beginning of
next week.
          THE COURT: When next week?
          MR. TYSON: I believe his flight departs on Sunday.
I don't know, Mr. Miller or Mr. Russo, if you remember more
specific.
          MR. RUSSO: That is correct. But, of course, he will
be here on Friday for his deposition that the plaintiffs are
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1 taking. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And I believe Dr. Halderman 2 will also be in Atlanta for that deposition as well. 3 4 THE COURT: The thing is were you thinking that --5 I'm a little -- the -- the arrangements here are a little bit 6 confusing to me. So you are thinking that Fortalice would come 7 down to the law firm and do it in Atlanta, alternatively -- is 8 that what you are suggesting? -- simultaneous to Dr. Shamos' 9 deposition? 10 MR. TYSON: Your Honor, ideally, yes, that Fortalice would be able to conduct its analysis in Virginia. Our ideal 11 12 scenario is they conduct their analysis in Virginia, the 13 Fortalice folks, and that Dr. Shamos does his analysis while he 14 is here on Friday in Atlanta. If it is one location or the 15 other, we'll obviously have to figure out travel arrangements. 16 But that would be our ideal scenario. THE COURT: Well, under those circumstances really, 17 18 frankly, it seems to me then why doesn't two or three members of the -- two identified members -- I don't know that you need 19 20 more than that -- Ms. Payton and Mr. Brandau to simply go to Michigan. Book a flight for this evening and be there tomorrow 21 22 if that is what you are -- if that is really the time frame 23 that you're thinking you are going to cycle around. And then 24 at that point if there is a problem, you are going to let me 25 know obviously.

But if you are really trying to function on that time frame, besides everything else, if there is a problem, it is something that the experts can talk about while they are there. And if there is some human communication problem and might have to involve the Court, that is a whole other thing. But just simply it seems simple enough if they are going to be doing —because, otherwise, they have got to get this to you. And it is a whole other period of time.

So if you are really aiming for the Friday time frame besides any of the other concerns, the simplest thing is for Ms. Payton and whoever else she designates on staff to assist her to go to Michigan.

MR. MILLER: Your Honor, I think the concerns are related to timing as far as the question of Shamos being in Atlanta on Friday as being separate from the consideration of the examination in Virginia. And with respect to the staff that Ms. Payton would like to have with her and to examine it and that process, you know -- as far as Dr. Shamos' ability to look at it, it may very well be that based on timing we just -- it is not just not going to work prior to the preliminary injunction hearing.

But just on the basis of having the ability to prepare a defense on a demonstration that was given at the hearing last year that apparently Dr. Halderman intends to rely on again this year kind of leads us to this situation and with

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    Virginia and security in Virginia that is equal to, if not
    better than, what Dr. Halderman can provide in Michigan.
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               THE COURT: So who -- I mean, I thought that the
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    affidavit was helpful but extremely vague about who else was
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    going to be helping her. And you just used the word staff.
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               MR. MILLER: Your Honor, that was intended to simply
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    point to the necessary staff. And I will let -- if it is okay
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     with the Court, Your Honor, I will let Ms. Payton speak to what
     she anticipates as far as staffing and the types of security
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     that they can provide and the types of information analysis
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               THE COURT: Well, the first question is simply --
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    because, you know, I really fairly significantly limited who
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    was going to be present. And I know everyone who is going to
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    be present at this juncture at least as I understand it from
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     Dr. Halderman.
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               So I need to understand -- and it is not -- frankly,
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     it isn't as sensitive data. So I would like to understand,
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     first and foremost, from Ms. Payton who is going to be
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    present -- who she is thinking she is pulling on as staff
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     other --
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               MR. MILLER: Your Honor, if I may, this is Carey
    Miller. We were intending to track the order with the GEMS
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consideration in limiting who had access to it, who controlled
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     the same context.
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               THE COURT: Okay. But I still want to understand --
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               MR. MILLER: I understand.
               THE COURT: The thing is I understood there was a lot
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    of data to pore through. And I had prevented them from using
     lay people. So it was people he had worked with normally. And
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     I don't know the nature of the staff that she is talking about
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    or you're talking about.
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               MR. MILLER: Yes, Your Honor.
               Ms. Payton, would you like to answer that question
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               MS. PAYTON: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.
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               And just a couple of things -- and I know you have my
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    background and a little bit about the company. But we've
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    worked on similar processes in cases -- some of us -- from our
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    time at the White House and in regards to other clients'
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    processes. We do have a facility clearance at our company. So
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    because of that, we follow chain of custody protocols for any
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    types of cases that we work.
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So as it relates to sort of physically, our perspective would be everything would be done with a very detailed logging of chain of custody. We understand the sensitivity around software like this. We have handled different types of software, you know, malware, worms, viruses, et cetera, in other types of cases. And so we do understand the sensitivity around this, and we would be handling it that way.

We have a controlled area. We have cameras on it, card access, fob access, logging. We would create a controlled environment. As it relates to this, it would be myself supervising Paul Brandau. Paul Brandau is former U.S. Air Force. He runs our offensive and threat hunting team. He has actually worked previously with the Department of Homeland Security specifically around election security.

I myself -- from a background besides the different cases that we've worked, I'm actually researching and writing a book on the very topic of election security. We may -- as we get in, as was mentioned earlier, sometimes you don't know what you don't know until you start to get into your analysis. And, again, we would have a very specific controlled access and chain of custody.

It is my hunch that we will also be reading into this a gentleman on my team. And all of the people that I'm naming here are full-time employees. They are not contractors. And

they all go through an extensive background check. We use a third-party -- third-party private sector firm to do all of our background checks, in addition to any Government background checks.

The gentleman would be Matt Shirley. Matt Shirley is an expert in understanding internet (inaudible) devices and other types of devices and sort of the injection of anything like malicious software, viruses, worms, keyloggers, spyware.

So he has a really in-depth understanding of sort of when hardware meets software what the implications are. And what is between him and Paul and myself will be able to kind of determine what we're looking at here.

Again, it would all be in a controlled environment. We will make every effort to make sure we accelerate. We understand the sense of urgency that is presented by this. We would welcome, Your Honor, any other instructions from you and the Court as far as how you would want to have chain of custody, the logging of analysis, the logging of who is coming and going, dates and timestamps, the overall handling of the software itself and the memory card itself and the logging of our findings.

THE COURT: So if it goes to your office -- I mean, I do need to have something in writing about Mr. Shirley -- Mr. Shirley. Because my understanding was anyone else assisting Dr. Halderman was basically poring through the data,

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    not doing software analysis in the same way. And it doesn't
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    have the same sensitivity, frankly.
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    But it simply does not have the same level of sensitivity about
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    malware that might be replicated.
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     the software at the law firm in Atlanta? It is going to be
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     at -- it is going to be at Fortalice? That is where the
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     analysis is being done?
               MS. PAYTON: Yes, Your Honor. Yes, Your Honor.
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               MR. CROSS: Your Honor, this is David Cross. I'm
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     sorry.
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               THE COURT: Yes. Go ahead.
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               MR. CROSS: I just want to respond briefly to a
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     couple of points.
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               One thing to correct.
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    Miller mentioned, Mr. Ritchie, is working with the Coalition
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    plaintiffs' expert, Mr. Bernhard, not Dr. Halderman. It is not
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    a big deal, but I just wanted to correct the record on that.
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               THE COURT: I'm sorry. It is Mr. Bernhard you are
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             It was not Mr. Ritchie?
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               MR. CROSS: Mr. Bernhard has someone named
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    Mr. Ritchie who is assisting him with the review of the data.
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    to correct that.
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THE COURT: All right.

MR. CROSS: What I did want to address on the substantive points for this were again we still haven't heard a need in any of the discussions here. And under Rule 26, that has to get balanced. And as Your Honor has observed, the sensitivity of what we're talking about is so far beyond the GEMS data. It is small. It is easy for them to come look at. That is the initial step.

And as state defendants' counsel have acknowledged, they agreed to do this weeks ago at the Rule 26(f) conference. And I get that they changed their minds. But to say now that the only -- the only need they have articulated is it is just too late for them to go to Michigan, that is the situation they created by suddenly reversing course last week and saying they are not going to Michigan, they are not going to depose him, even though they got his documents a week before the deposition, by the way. They have made these series of decisions to put themselves in this situation.

And even if Your Honor were to order a copy of the memory card, the earliest we could get them a memory card is next week. Dr. Halderman is in my office in D.C. He is going directly to Boston tomorrow for a peer review meeting of some sort. It is mandated. Then he's going directly to Atlanta for Shamos' -- Dr. Shamos' deposition.

So even if they -- no matter what gets ordered here,

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     Your Honor, respectfully they are not getting this at any point
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     until just before the eve of the hearing. You gave them, I
     think, four days or so to get the databases to us. And so it
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     is -- we are here because of the way they handled this. And so
     they haven't offered any --
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               THE COURT: All right. Let me ask you this:
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     saying as well that there is no one in his place who could
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     arrange for them to look at this tomorrow or Friday in
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    Michigan?
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     sure that he is part of the chain.
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               But are you saying then, in fact, that they can't see
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     it on Thursday or Friday, even if they flew out there?
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               MR. CROSS: So I just talked to him a moment ago on
           If Your Honor orders them to review it in Michigan, we
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    will get it set up. He has said he won't be there. But there
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     is someone who works with him that can set that up. So that
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    would certainly be the only way they are getting it before next
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    week is if they go to Michigan. And I don't mean any
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     disrespect to the Court. We'll do whatever Your Honor orders.
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    But there is no one that can get that to them -- the memory
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               THE COURT: Well, how is he going to arrange the
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    memory card -- let's say they are going to come and look at it
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     know -- let's say they are going to look at it on Friday or
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     access.
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              MR. CROSS: Dr. Halderman -- I'm sorry.
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               THE COURT: Is there somebody there who is going to
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    be able to copy it and at least make that available and keep it
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     there? And what is the difference between that and their being
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               MR. CROSS: So Dr. Halderman will be back Friday
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    night once Dr. Shamos' deposition ends. So he will be
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    them to get there tomorrow or Friday, we can't say with
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     certainty that it is doable. But he is expecting that he would
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               But as of the weekend, he will be back so that we can
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     definitely represent that he will be there to set them up by
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     Saturday. If it is Thursday or Friday, we will certainly make
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     our best efforts and try to find somebody who can do that.
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               MR. MILLER: Your Honor, I apologize. This is Carey
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about here. It appears as though it would be just as easy for a representative of state defendants or Fortalice, a named person with certain security, round up and assuring who it is, to be able to get to Michigan and back and provide it in Virginia in the secure environment. Of course, plaintiffs' counsel in Washington would be welcome to inspect that environment, as you also offered for the state defendants on the other -- with respect to the GEMS database. And, second, with respect to Mr. Cross' comments about how we got here, you know, without delving into a long discussion of where we are in terms of document production before a hurried preliminary injunction hearing, you know, there are many other issues that are at hand here. And, of course, we're all trying to work diligently to get to that hearing date. But this is not happening in a vacuum. And, of course, you know, we have been discussing with them wanting to inspect this for some time now.

MR. CROSS: Your Honor, there is no one available to fly from Michigan to Virginia to provide them a copy of this.

As I said, Dr. Halderman is not there. He certainly doesn't have the time to add an additional flight from Michigan to Virginia.

MR. MILLER: Your Honor --

(Unintelligible crosstalk.)

MR. CROSS: -- proposing to do that.

MR. MILLER: To be clear, when I was referring to that, it would either be a representative of Fortalice or one of the counsels of record for the state defendants in this case. We could provide somebody and, of course, somebody that is bound by the Court's order regarding confidentiality and potentially also bound by the rules of ethics governing lawyers.

MR. CROSS: Your Honor, this is David Cross. That ignores that they had the opportunity per your order to come and inspect our facilities. The idea that they would send someone, pick up a copy of this in Michigan, take it to Virginia, and we would have to trust that their facility complies and is truly secure --

THE COURT: All right. Listen, I understand your great concerns. But I don't have any indication from you either that there is a basis for thinking that Fortalice isn't capable of handling this with the experience and focus of their staff. And you had raised earlier maybe they have no election experts, that Dr. Shamos has no election experience. But Dr. Shamos, whatever it is, is not touching this data at this juncture. So I don't even have to deal with that. I'll see his deposition and judge that for myself.

But I don't have any notion of why you really think that the firm itself, given its focus, is not capable of

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maintaining the security protocol. I know, you know, you are saying it is a greater need, et cetera. But I don't -- but obviously people -- there is a reality in terms of the way people work that it may make it easier for them just for the same reason it is for you. And I mean, I was not prepared upon the showing to let it go to the law firm that I had here. But I don't -- I don't really understand why -- I can't believe it would be better for Dr. Halderman to have to fly to Washington. I can't -- I don't know why he would not, given all that he has on his plate. So, you know, he could suggest -- you-all could designate somebody who is acceptable versus not acceptable. That is something different. But -- and I certainly am prepared to put protocols in for basically the destruction of the card and its return. But I'm not clear at this juncture why you think they are not capable of protecting it given the showing you have made. MR. CROSS: Your Honor --THE COURT: And I know you want -- I know, Mr. Cross, you have made all the arguments. And I'm not -- I'm not

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perspective of the defendants it would seem like you just would

want to get there on Saturday when Dr. Halderman is there.

discarding those. It certainly seems to me from the

But -- and I can understand why he is not willing to release it to anyone until he is actually present and can oversee that. But -- so it delays the defendants. But you haven't told me what is wrong -- what is inadequate at this juncture.

Given all that they have presented and also what they have articulated today on the phone call, what is the inadequacy of their showing?

MR. CROSS: Your Honor, I'm going to let Dr. Halderman speak briefly to that as well.

But a couple of things, if I may, before he gets to that. One is: When we dealt with the GEMS databases, the onus was on us at least throughout that to establish our need for that. The concern we have with what Ms. Payton describes is it is vague. And Dr. Halderman can speak more to that.

But the problem is it is not entirely clear the particular steps they are taking. So we don't have a showing that they actually can secure this. And to the more precise point, while they have maybe some sort of election experience, there is nothing that indicates that they have ever dealt with this type of malware and how it would need to be secured.

THE COURT: But, you know, the thing is that is sort of jumping -- jumping around because, you know, the thing is, of course, as they testify it may be that these are very good points. But for me to prejudge this -- and I think that is in

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               MR. CROSS: Right, Your Honor. To be clear, I'm not
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     talking about their substantive expertise. One of the big
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     distinctions and concerns I have is when they delivered their
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     GEMS disc to us and Dr. Halderman they did not release them to
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               Mr. Miller came. He looked at the room. We walked
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     him through the camera, the key. He took screenshots of the
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     computers. Our IT guy had to come in and walk him through the
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     software. He literally inspected the software on the
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     computers.
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               THE COURT: But you're not proposing that.
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               MR. CROSS: Well, I was going to answer your question
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as to how do we know. The question was what basis do we have

1 to believe that they can't do that. My only point is if you 2 were going to order this to be disclosed to them we would have to be under the same circumstances where Dr. Halderman, who is 3 4 the only one for our team that could do a meaningful 5 inspection, would have to go and do that inspection to confirm. But I wanted to offer an alternative that might work. 6 7 Since the defendants are comfortable with the setup we have 8 here and they are -- and I understand Ms. Payton is located in 9 Virginia and not far from us -- and hopefully Dr. Halderman doesn't bite my head off when I say this. But would it be 10 feasible to set this up at our office in D.C. assuming -- he's 11 nodding. He's nodding. It sounds like Dr. Halderman would 12 13 live with that as a compromise if we could set that up. 14 Do you want to speak to that? 15 DR. HALDERMAN: So I'm not -- before we offer that, there is -- I would just like to respond to the Court's 16 17 question about -- about what is the worry about having the 18 analysis conducted in Virginia. 19 And the predominant worry I have is that every 20 additional site and every additional copy that we make of this 21 program causes added risk. And yes, there are procedures you 22 can follow that will to a greater or lesser extent reduce that 23 risk. 24 But to suffer that added risk to the public solely on 25 the basis of convenience is what worries me. And I think I

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would have -- in response to David' proposal now, I think I
    would have those same additional -- site risk additional
     concerns about doing it here in the D.C. office, not that I
     don't trust the security of the office here. I think it is
     likely to be good. But that is still another kind of risk that
    will be borne by the public.
              MR. MILLER: Your Honor, this is Carey Miller. I
     just want to kind of respond to a couple of points there.
              Number 1, with respect to the facility at Fortalice
     and their capability to handle these types of situations, the
     security at Morrison Foerster -- it certainly met -- and I did
     indeed inspect the premises -- met the requirements of the
     Court's order, was sufficient for us to turn over the GEMS
     database.
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              But to suggest for some reason that that is somehow
    more secure or otherwise is a bit confusing for the state
     defendants. But to also suggest that -- this would not be the
     first time that this malware has traveled. There are numerous
    news articles about Dr. Halderman taking malware to DEF CON
     conventions and showing demonstrations there and, of course,
    traveled to Atlanta for a demonstration with the Court.
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              THE COURT: He just always says it travels with him
     on his body still. That is the issue.
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MR. MILLER: Yes, Your Honor. And, of course, we

would be happy to set up any opportunity for any of the attorneys at Morrison Foerster in D.C. to come over and inspect the premises, for Dr. Halderman himself to inspect the premises before the memory card is there. We are, of course, willing to work with the Court on all of these things.

But just at a baseline level for equitable consideration for the defendants to be able to examine the malware and adequately defend themselves for a preliminary injunction hearing that plaintiffs chose to file and chose to bring forth at this time, that is kind of where we are on that stance.

And it may be helpful to the Court -- and Ms. Payton recognized some of these types of things that they secure. This would not be the first item of high risk security that Fortalice has had to make sure was secure and to keep away from wrongdoers truthfully.

THE COURT: All right. Well, is Dr. Halderman available to come on Monday to Fortalice -- to Virginia? Or -- what is the -- is it preferable for him to come -- if he is already in Atlanta to go from Atlanta on Saturday? I mean, I would expect the state to pay for this just as I expected the defendants -- plaintiffs to absorb the other cost.

MR. CROSS: Your Honor, this is David Cross. He is available in Michigan over the weekend after the Shamos deposition. Getting to Virginia next week, I gather, is not

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     expert coming to do the inspection they agreed -- it seems the
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    prejudice should cut that way.
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               MR. MILLER: Your Honor --
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               THE COURT: You didn't answer my question.
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     come on Saturday or not to -- I mean, I understand he --
               MR. CROSS: I apologize. I thought you were asking
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     if he would be in Michigan on Saturday. Can --
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               THE COURT: No. I knew he was planning to be in
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    Michigan on Saturday. But I'm asking basically what would be
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    the problem with his flying to D.C., whether it was your firm
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     or seemingly -- are you proposing alternatively that he is
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     going to bring the card with him if I order it to be in D.C.,
    whether at your firm or at Fortalice, and he is going to then
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    give it to you to bring to D.C. or Virginia?
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              MR. CROSS: No, Your Honor. I apologize.
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    proposal -- the thought was that he would bring himself, since
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    he is comfortable with securing it himself, the card to our
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    office in D.C. If he had to, we could do that early next week.
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     to fly back to Michigan Friday night, get the memory card, come
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    back to D.C. sometime on Saturday.
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     Dr. Halderman now?
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               MR. CROSS: So he won't be back in Michigan until
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     or Friday or just simply to go there this weekend and he will
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     identified any tools or equipment that she can't have with her
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     alert us. And we will, if we have to, make it available next
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     week in D.C. ideally at our office so that we can keep it
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     secure. The issue is copying.
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               THE COURT: The issue is what?
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               MR. CROSS: Copying. It is not the transportation.
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    As Mr. Miller pointed out, he does transport this. But it is
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     creating copies for others. So it is why he would feel more
     comfortable if it is in our office instead of theirs.
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    Michigan tomorrow or the weekend, we will figure out if we can
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     a way to get it to D.C. by next week in advance of the hearing,
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               MR. MILLER: Your Honor, respectfully -- and this is
     Carey Miller again -- I think that the question is not
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    expedience in a vacuum. But that proposal, you know, in terms
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    preparing for a preliminary injunction hearing. But we all
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    have matters to prepare for before early next week. So it is a
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     defendants have shown is that we can adequately secure this
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     just unaware of -- and, you know, Ms. Payton may correct me.
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    because we haven't been provided the card.
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               MS. PAYTON: Yes, ma'am.
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              MS. PAYTON: No, ma'am.
               THE COURT: Are you representing any federal agencies
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               MS. PAYTON: No.
               THE COURT: And what -- I mean -- what -- what would
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    be the protection that the Court could be assured of that
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     somebody wouldn't make a copy of this card?
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               MS. PAYTON: Yes. Correct. So we welcome any
     additional instruction from the Court. We would definitely add
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     any other precautions or requests into our processes. But we
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     would -- we have cameras. We would have a chain of custody.
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               THE COURT: Right. You can have a camera, but it
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     doesn't mean that -- it doesn't mean that anyone can know
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     whether you are making a copy of a card.
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              MS. PAYTON: Yes, Your Honor. You are right about
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           What we can do, because we can have people present, is
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     we can actually tell what we are doing at the command line and
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     explain what we're doing and allow people to examine what we're
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     doing at the command line.
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               We have done that in certain cases before where there
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I think the other thing that is important to note is that when you do an investigation like this to kind of review -- when I say investigation, what I mean is for us what we're charged with doing is evaluating how this software has been developed, how it behaves on the voting machine. And so our process would be we would want to be the ones setting up and understanding and documenting the environment, having -- using the standard configuration and then going through our processes.

It is not impossible. But it is a very different analysis to walk into somebody else's lab where everything is set up. And then you have to take some things for granted what they tell you was done during setup and then do some examination of config files and other operating system files to say, okay, what you told me you did, that is what I see. I do or I do not have any questions.

And so there are different ways to do this type of analysis. Obviously in order to both replicate what the good doctor has said he has observed in his lab and with the software and what is going on here, we would want to be able to set up the environment, go over the configuration, and follow our processes.

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     the camera. There is our chain of custody process. There is
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     documentation. And then we also welcome people to inspect
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               THE COURT: Well, you understand that this is not the
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     sole basis -- in fact, it is not -- the card is not the primary
     basis of his opinion. There are many other issues that he has
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     identified.
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               MS. PAYTON: Correct.
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               THE COURT: All right. So what are the -- what is
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     the inadequacy in that either from Mr. -- either Mr. Cross or
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     Dr. Halderman in terms of the question of the copying of the
     card from your perspective?
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               MR. CROSS: Your Honor, the challenge that we have
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     it because we would want to inspect that. So we will assume
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     for the sake of the moment that what she has identified could
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     get to a level of security for this.
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The challenge we have is just one of timing. We're not weeks out or months out from a hearing. We need Dr. Halderman supporting us getting ready for a hearing that is next week, including a deposition of their expert on Friday. I don't see any world in which he has time to fly back to Michigan, get this, come back to D.C., and shoulder surf with their team to do all of this instead of them just sending someone to Michigan and getting it done over the weekend. They can bring a DRE. It is very simple. You saw Dr. Halderman bring it to the court. They can bring a laptop. Those are the only two things that they have identified that they would need. The alternative that we have offered is to set it up in D.C. -- I'm sorry -- at our office, at MoFo. At least that addresses Dr. Halderman's copying concern. And everyone already knows -- we don't have to worry about a new facility security. We have a setup that everyone agrees is secure. We can just set it up in that room. And so we're not starting from scratch. The bottom line on this, Your Honor, is --THE COURT: All right. Listen, I mean -- while I don't completely accept any of your positions, what I'm afraid of is this blowing up next week and everyone saying I have got -- now we can't proceed because of X, Y, Z. So this is what I'm going to do. I'm going to -- the defendants' expert, Ms. Payton, and any of the staff she wants

can come over to MoFo and do this. At least then they are going to be in the same vicinity. They are not traveling. If they need something, somebody can come and get some additional software from their office and it is not the same issue.

And then I'm not going to have also Dr. Halderman saying, well, something is inadequate over here, one thing or another, and a whole blowup that I can't deal with next week.

So, you know, this has been nothing but difficult.

And I can expect anything that is going to go wrong is going to go wrong. So I understand Dr. Halderman wants it to be in Michigan. But I think some convenience issues for the defendant are also appropriate. They have to prepare for trial too. This at least more deals with everyone's convenience issues.

I assume that the plaintiffs' counsel is going to be meeting with Dr. Halderman. So, you know, you will be able to do it there. And I just don't have the ability to have more and more conversations about this next week and for something to go wrong.

And at least in this circumstance then, Ms. Payton and the two staff members she's talking about can be close to their offices. And if there is something else that they — other software, other sorts of evaluations they want to go back and think about getting done, they are able to do that and then come back. And it won't be a burden to them.

And I think that is the best I can do in resolving 1 2 this. 3 I have broad concerns of -- with the proposal that 4 Mr. Barnes be part of the team reviewing things. I didn't find 5 in the last hearing that I had that he had requisite 6 experience. I understand you want somebody from the party. 7 But I'm not prepared at this juncture with this showing. 8 don't understand what he adds to this mix at this point. 9 It doesn't mean you can't come back about that. I don't see it. And I would like to see an additional 10 11 affidavit -- a supplemental affidavit that deals with the other gentleman that you mentioned whose name I'm not remembering 12 13 this second but the third person. 14 And there was -- in the proposed protection, it was that the defendants could take videos and screenshots. And I 15 16 didn't mention authorizing the video in the last -- the process 17 for the plaintiffs and what it was was that they had to -- if 18 they wanted to have a select number of images that they needed 19 to identify what they wanted to have images of. And, you know, 20 maybe you need a video and both sides need one but you would 21 have to agree on what that is. No images can be taken, no videos can be taken 22 23 without your having conversed about it and agreed upon it in 24 advance. 25 Thank you, Your Honor. That is a very MR. CROSS:

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     fair solution. We appreciate that.
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               THE COURT: I'm sorry. It was Matt Shirley who
    Ms. Payton identified.
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               MR. MILLER: Your Honor, this is Carey Miller for the
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     state defendants. I think we're largely able to work in some
     direction towards that suggestion and compromised route.
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     would have to have conversations with Ms. Payton assuming that
     is doable. I think based on what she said so far it likely is.
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     its kind of general objection as to doing this in the
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    plaintiffs' attorney's offices. But, of course, given the
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     time, given the considerations, we're willing to work towards
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     something.
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               THE COURT: Okay. All right. I appreciate that.
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     And your general objection is certainly noted. And we'll see
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     where you're at. But I think it will be more viable in terms
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     of just getting it done so we don't have a blowup before the
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    preliminary injunction hearing.
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               MR. MILLER: Your Honor, this is Carey Miller again.
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     I don't believe I missed this. But to clarify as to the
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     timeline and based on Dr. Halderman's availability that we
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     discussed earlier, I'm assuming this looks like Monday or is
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     this Friday or -- I just --
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               THE COURT: Well, he's attending the deposition. He
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    has to go back to Michigan and get this. So I think you're
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     assuming we're talking about Monday. And I don't know, you
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    work out if you're talking about 10:00 on Monday or what time
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     -- 11:00 on Monday. I don't know what -- and I don't know what
    the flight schedule is. I know he is in Ann Arbor. He has to
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    go to Detroit to get out.
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              MR. MILLER: Your Honor, if I may, just a couple of
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    points of clarification. And this may be better answered by
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               Is the proposed work area, work space -- are we
     sharing that space with the GEMS work space?
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               COURT REPORTER: Is that Mr. Russo?
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              MR. MILLER: This is Carey Miller. I apologize.
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               THE COURT: Are you able to -- Mr. Cross, can you
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               MR. CROSS: My thought, Your Honor, was to give them
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    the same room since everyone is comfortable with it but they
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    will have it to themselves. Dr. Halderman has been doing our
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     review. And our trial team is focused on the hearing. So they
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    will be alone in that room with the shoulder surfing that
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    Ms. Payton described with Dr. Halderman.
               MR. MILLER: Just to be clear, Your Honor, with
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    respect to the shoulder surfing, I think our -- I don't want to
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     talking about is internal checks as to what is occurring.
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     for trial to rebut any evidence at the trial that they may
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    produce as a basis of it.
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               As I mentioned earlier, we're willing to work toward
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     something creative. But for the same reasons that plaintiffs
     objected to our staff or our attorneys being in the room or
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     taking notes or doing notes, we would have the same --
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               THE COURT: I understand. And the same thing is that
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     one of the things you get, Mr. Cross, is that it is a laptop.
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     You are going to be able to -- I assume you can agree on some
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    mechanism to ensure that you have an ability to see if there is
     ever a copy -- an order for a copying of the disc.
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     is the mechanism you are going to have for that.
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               MR. CROSS: Understood, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Because I don't -- I do think it
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     is a legitimate concern on everyone's part. No one wants
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     everyone looking over your shoulder on everything you are doing
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     in order to really create a -- privately look at the
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               I don't know about the time. I don't know what the
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    planes out of -- and whether Dr. Halderman was going to be in
 6
     D.C. anyway on Monday.
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               MR. CROSS: He was not going to be in D.C. anyway.
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    But we will look, and we'll coordinate with the defendants and
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     get it set up as early on Monday as we can.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               MR. CROSS: Thank you again, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               MR. MILLER: Thank you, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Does that resolve everything at least for
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     now?
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               All right. Hearing nothing, I am going to determine
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     it is.
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               Thank you very much. Good luck.
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                           Thank you.
               MR. CROSS:
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               THE COURT: All right. Bye-bye.
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                     (The proceedings were thereby concluded at 2:38
                     P.M.)
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